

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2005

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Shortly after noon on Wednesday May 11, I was presiding over the Senate when the entire Capitol complex was evacuated in response to the threat of an airplane in restricted airspace. The officers of the United States Capitol Police reacted quickly and evacuated the Capitol in record time, moving my colleagues, our staffs, the press corps and our visitors to safe locations.

I cannot say enough about the men and women of our United States Capitol Police. One of their slogans, "You elect them . . . we protect them," accurately describes the mission of this highly professional force which was formed in 1828. That mission, simply stated, is to protect democracy's greatest symbol, the United States Capitol, the people who work here, and its owners, the American people, who visit our offices.

When the Senate returned to its work, our leaders took the floor to express our collective appreciation to the U.S. Capitol Police. Senator REID closed his statement with these touching words, "Every day, we see them standing around doors, and they don't appear to be working real hard, but it is on days such as this that they earn their pay over and over again." Senator REID would know something about this because of all of the things on his rather impressive resume, I understand that he is proudest of his service as a member of the U.S. Capitol Police.

It is no small irony that the skills of our U.S. Capitol Police Officers would be put to the test at the very moment that surviving family members of fallen police officers from around the Nation were arriving in Washington, DC, for the annual candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and then for Peace Officers Memorial Day services at the west front of the Capitol.

At this time of year, it is appropriate not only to reflect on the professionalism of today's U.S. Capitol Police Officers, but also on three who have fallen in the line of duty. I am referring to Jacob John Chestnut, who was fatally shot while tending one of those checkpoints that Senator REID referred to, by an armed assailant intent upon entering the Capitol. I am also referring to John M. Gibson who was fatally shot by the same individual while protecting the life of one of our colleagues from that assailant.

And let us also not forget Christopher Eney, a U.S. Capitol Police Officer who gave his life while participating in a training exercise in 1984. I understand that he was participating in the type of intense training that would have proven very helpful on Wednesday, May 11. Their names are all inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial on Judiciary Square. The headquarters of the U.S. Capitol Police is named in the honor of each of them.

This is the third consecutive year that I have spoken in honor of the men

and women in law enforcement who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This year, the names of 415 law enforcement officers have been inscribed on the memorial; 153 of these brave men and women lost their lives in 2004. The remainder lost their lives in other years—some generations before the memorial was created.

In 2004 Alaska did not lose a law enforcement officer in the line of duty. This year, no Alaskans have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and for this we are grateful.

During National Police Week we are reminded that the 17,000 people whose names are engraved on the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial were heroes not for the way they died but for the way they lived. It was Vivian Eney, the surviving spouse of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Christopher Eney, who coined that phrase.

For 51 weeks a year the stories behind those 17,000 names are known to family members and law enforcement colleagues. But during National Police Week the memorial comes alive as surviving family members and department colleagues decorate the memorial with shoulder patches, photographs, stories and poems. Ultimately this material will be available to the public 365 days a year at a museum that the Congress authorized to be constructed on Federal land in 2000.

The museum will be developed, constructed, owned and operated by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund—the same nonprofit organization that built and now oversees the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Construction is expected to commence in 2007 and the opening is slated for 2009.

The museum will replace a one room memorial visitor center in the storefront of a downtown office building and will educate millions of visitors about the tremendous contributions our law enforcement officers have made throughout our Nation's history. It is a worthy addition to the memorial and a project worthy of support by our colleagues and the Nation.

During the annual Police Week observance thousands of survivors of fallen law enforcement officers return to Washington, D.C., for the annual conference of the support group Concerns of Police Survivors. I was proud to welcome to my office the surviving family members of Kenai Police Department Officer John Patrick Watson whose name was inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2004.

Laurie Heck Huckeba, the widow of fallen Alaska State Trooper Bruce Heck, who gave his life on January 10, 1997, has returned to our Nation's Capital in her role as Pacific Region Trustee of Concerns of Police Survivors. She could not come to Capitol Hill to visit with me because she was busy conducting orientation sessions for the survivors of fallen law enforcement of-

ficers who are attending the Concerns of Police Survivors meetings in Alexandria, VA for the first time. It was not so long ago that Laurie was attending her first survivors' conference and now she is helping other survivors rebuild their lives. Laurie was raised in Glennallen, AK. Although Laurie has relocated from Alaska to the Bakersfield, CA area, it is clear to me that the Alaskan spirit of giving and sharing still burns strong within her. Thank you, Laurie.

Mayor Steve Thompson of the City of Fairbanks has sent a wreath to be displayed at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in memory of Patrol Officer John Kevin Lamm who gave his life on January 1, 1998. Thank you, Mayor Thompson.

The names of 42 Alaskans appear on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. During National Police Week, which officially begins on May 15 and concludes on May 21 we will reflect on the contributions of each of these heroes here in Washington and in ceremonies in my State of Alaska.

To their colleagues in law enforcement and to the surviving members of these 41 Alaskans and to the family, friends and colleagues of the 17,000 men and women whose names appear on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, let us remember during this National Police Week that "Heroes Live Forever."

In valor there is hope.

I ask unanimous consent that the names of these 42 individuals, their agencies and the date upon which each of their watches ended be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ALASKANS INSCRIBED ON THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

Richard J. Adair, Juneau Police Department, August 17, 1979

Doris Wayne Barber, Sitka Police Department, July 28, 1960

Gordon Brewster Bartell, Kodiak Police Department, January 15, 1983

Robert Lee Bittick, Alaska State Troopers, October 11, 1994

Leroy Garvin Bohuslov, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, March 5, 1964

Larry Robert Carr, Alaska State Troopers, December 11, 1974

Ignatius John Charlie, Alakanuk Police Department, May 10, 1985

Roland Edgar Chevalier, Jr., Alaska State Troopers, April 3, 1982

Dennis Finbar Cronin, Alaska State Troopers, February 18, 1974

Thomas Clifford Dillon, Bethel Police Department, November 19, 1972

Donald Thomas Dull, Juneau Police Department, October 19, 1964

Troy Lynn Duncan, Alaska State Troopers, May 19, 1984

Johnathan Paul Flora, Anchorage Police Department, September 8, 1975

Harry Biddington Hanson, Jr., Anchorage Police Department, July 17, 1986

Bruce A. Heck, Alaska State Troopers, January 10, 1997

James C. Hesterberg, Alaska Department of Corrections, November 19, 2002

Earl Ray Hoggard, Ketchikan Police Department, March 30, 1974

Anthony Crawford Jones, Dillingham Police Department, February 12, 1992

Harry C. Kavanaugh, Anchorage Police Department, January 3, 1924

Jimmy Earl Kennedy, Juneau Police Department, April 17, 1979

Harry Edward Kier, Anchorage Police Department, October 28, 1980

John Kevin Lamm, Fairbanks Police Department, January 1, 1998

Richard I. Luht, Jr. Internal Revenue Service, January 31, 1999

Alvin G. Miller, Fairbanks Police Department, November 2, 1908

Louie Gordon Mizelle, Anchorage Police Department, June 6, 1989

James A. Moen, Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection, June 25, 2001

Kenneth G. Nauska, Craig Police Department, January 30, 1966

Thomas P. O'Hara, National Park Service, December 20, 2002

Karl William Reishus, Juneau Police Department, May 4, 1992

Frank Stuart Rodman, Alaska State Troopers, December 11, 1974

Hans-Peter L. Roelle, Alaska State Troopers, November 24, 2001

James Arland Rowland, Jr., Palmer Police Department, May 15, 1999

Dan Richard Seely, Anchorage Police Department, October 26, 1996

John David Stimson, Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection, January 14, 1983

Benjamin Franklin Strong, Anchorage Police Department, January 4, 1968

John J. Sturgus, Anchorage Police Department, February 20, 1921

Claude Everett Swackhammer, Alaska Department of Public Safety, October 11, 1994

John Patrick Watson, Kenai Police Department, December 25, 2003

Charles H. Wiley, Seward Police Department, October 4, 1917

Gary George Wohfeil, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, March 5, 1964

Justin Todd Wollam, Anchorage Police Department, July 9, 2001

Ronald Eugene Zimin, South Nannek Village Public Safety Officer, October 21, 1986

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise today to say a few words in honor of our country's many dedicated law enforcement officers, and to thank them for their ongoing efforts to keep our families and communities safe. As my colleagues know, May 15 is National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week that follows marks National Police Week. Throughout this week, the United States honors the courage, devotion, and sacrifice of law enforcement officers from across the Nation, and recognizes their invaluable contributions to the well-being of our country.

First observed in 1962, National Police Week also provides us with an important opportunity to remember those we have lost in the line of duty. One hundred and fifty-three law enforcement officers lost their lives while serving in 2004, including three from my home State. Last month, their names were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, offering a stark reminder of the sacrifice all law enforcement personnel stand prepared to make to protect the citizens they serve.

Sadly, Senior Boarder Patrol Agent Jeremy Wilson of Ferndale, Officer James G. Lewis of the Tacoma Police Department, and Sergeant Brad

Crawford of the Clark County Sheriff's Department all lost their lives in the line of duty during 2004. The outpouring of community support that accompanied each loss underscores the immense appreciation and compassion felt by Americans for those ready to help in a time of need. I would like to join with my fellow Washingtonians and take a moment to pay tribute to Agent Wilson, Officer Lewis, and Sergeant Crawford for their generous spirit and tireless devotion to duty. By sharing a little bit about each of these officers with you, I hope to help honor their sacrifice.

Currently, there are over 10,000 Federal law enforcement officers deployed along our country's borders. The deserts, wilderness, and rivers that line many of our Nation's edges often present these agents with extreme and trying conditions that can sometimes lead to tragedy. On Sunday, September 19, 2004, Senior Border Patrol Agent Jeremy Wilson fell overboard during a patrol on the Rio Grande near Los Indios, TX. Soon after, the patrol boat capsized, sending the boat's captain and another officer, Agent Travis Attaway, into the turbulent, storm-fed river. A second border patrol boat was able to rescue the boat's captain, but Agents Wilson and Attaway were lost. Agent Wilson, a third generation Border Patrol Agent from Ferndale, WA, was 29 years old. His passing leaves a reminder of the dangers faced by officers who spend each day navigating extreme conditions on our Nation's frontiers.

Often, the randomness and chance surrounding a loss of life makes the event difficult to understand. Routine actions, preformed hundreds of times, can, without warning, end tragically. On Tuesday, April 27, 2004, Officer James G. Lewis, a 19-year veteran of Tacoma Police Department, lost his life when his motorcycle collided with a car that pulled in front of him as he rushed to help a fellow officer who had requested back-up. Officer Lewis was 45 years old. He was a member of Tacoma Pierce County Search & Rescue, and had served as a police officer in the Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife and son. He will be remembered for his willingness to help others and his readiness to put their needs before his own.

While our Nation's police officers spend each day working to limit violence, a call for help can sometimes lead to an outbreak of what law enforcement works so hard to prevent. On Friday, July 30, 2004, Sergeant Brad Crawford of the Clark County Sheriff's Department was killed when his patrol car was intentionally rammed by a truck fleeing the scene of a standoff. Sergeant Crawford was 49 years old. He had served as a law enforcement officer for over two decades and had been with the Clark County Sheriff's Department for 8 years. He is survived by his wife, five children, and three grandchildren.

The untimely and unnecessary loss of Agent Wilson, Officer Lewis, and Ser-

geant Crawford reminds us of the immense challenges that law enforcement officers face on a daily basis. They will each be remembered for their dedication and their desire to serve and help others. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families during this difficult time.

National Police week is a time to remember those we have lost and thank those who continue to serve. However, our gratitude extends far beyond this one week. Local, State, and Federal law enforcement stand ready at every hour, and their unending courage and sense of duty represents the very best of America. On behalf of the citizens of Washington State, I offer my thanks to the men and women who wake up every day, put on a uniform, and set out to make our country an even better place.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE CAREER OF ARLO LEVISEN

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly honor the career of Mr. Arlo Levisen, superintendent of the Grant-Duel School District. After 15 years of dedicated service as Grant-Duel's top administrator, Arlo is retiring.

A native of Milbank, SD and son of a farmer and 40-year Grant County educator, Arlo graduated in 1962 from South Shore High School. He then went on to receive his Bachelor of Science degree from Aberdeen's Northern State College in 1967, graduating with a degree in elementary education and history.

Throughout the latter portion of the 1960s, Arlo taught at and was principal of various schools throughout South Dakota, including Yankton, Pine Ridge, Kyle, Lyman, and Deubrook School District. These diverse educational experiences allowed Arlo to understand and appreciate the various learning environments South Dakota has to offer.

In 1979, in addition to his position as principal of Lyman School District's elementary and junior high schools, Arlo took on the responsibility of serving as commodity supervisor of the South Dakota Department of Education's Child and Adult Nutrition Services. There he was responsible for annually purchasing 22 million pounds of USDA commodities and distributing them to 600 South Dakota institutions and reservations.

In 1984, Arlo became principal of the Pierre Indian Learning Center, a boarding school created solely for the purpose of educating Indian children with a history of behavioral disorders. As head of the learning center, Arlo oversaw 185 students ranging from first through eighth grades, as well as 40 staff members.

Following his time at the Pierre Indian Learning Center, Arlo accepted the position as superintendent of the